

ALTERNATIVE HARD DRIVE ACTIVITY INDICATOR

ABSTRACT

A computer system is provided with an alternate activity indicator visible
5 from a front panel which is illuminated in response to a first continuous operating
condition. An activity detection circuit coupled to the indicator generates an activity
signal indicating a second periodic operating condition associated with a HDD and
communicates the activity signal to the indicator to interrupt illumination. The
indicator produces an indication of the second periodic operating condition during
10 intervals when the indicator is interrupted from illuminating.